

# CONNECTIONS

## **HALLOWEEN** Has Arrived at the Library!

It's October, which means library programming is getting spooky. Celebrate Halloween with crafts, parties, book suggestions and more.



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## Who to Talk to

### Alexandria

Carrie Ratterman, Branch Supervisor

### Cold Spring

Dave Anderson, Branch Manager

### Carrico/Fort Thomas

Morgan Lockard-Ellis, Branch Manager

### Newport

Valerie Davis, Branch Manager

### Administration @ Cold Spring

Chantelle Phillips, Director

Stephanie Class, Communications Manager

Amy Carroll, Programming and Community Engagement Manager

Danielle Watkins, HR Coordinator

### Outreach Services @ Newport

Carol Freytag, Outreach Services Coordinator

### Technical Services @ Newport

Michael Gregory, Technical Services Manager

## Board of Trustees Meeting

The Campbell County Public Library's Board of Trustees meets at 5:30 pm on the third Wednesday each month. All board meetings are open to the public. Next meeting dates and locations are:

- Oct. 16 at Alexandria
- Nov. 20 at Cold Spring
- Dec. 18 at Newport
- Jan. 15 at Carrico/Fort Thomas

## We Suggest

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Our Favorite Horror Subgenres—and a Book to Match!



#### Paranormal Horror: *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden

Even though it's a middle grade paranormal horror, it gave me the heebie-jeebies and a new fear of scarecrows! Oddly enough, this book is both cozy and creepy; it's a perfect Halloween read and I think it's a great introduction to the horror genre either for younger readers, or readers of any age who want to feel out what they can handle.

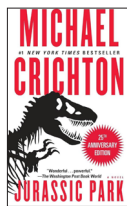
— Naomee McKiddy, adult/teen services programmer



#### Mystery/Thriller/Suspense: *Night Film* by Marisha Pessl

It's never exactly clear how reliable our narrator is, or how sane—but that's what made *Night Film* a page turner. Told from both the protagonist's increasingly unhinged point-of-view as well as epistolary website articles, *Night Film* carries with it a sense of inescapable terror and intrigue. The audiobook is equally as chilling as the novel; it's a story that can be enjoyed or dreaded in either format. Maybe just don't read it at night.

— Tessa Grigson, assistant patron services supervisor



#### Sci-Fi Horror: *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton

The novel is definitely darker, moodier and more unsettling than some of what the movie offers — with many of the carnivorous dinosaurs having slasher-like vibes — yet the book also includes that sense of awe that comes with the subject of these animals in the first place. Overall Crichton's writing style is suspenseful and highly detailed yet easy to follow, making it a nice potential first step into adventure, sci-fi or sci-fi horror.

— Tanner Reed, patron services assistant



#### YA Body Horror: *House of Hollow* by Krystal Sutherland

As children, the Hollow sisters go missing while on a family trip to Scotland, reappearing a month later with no memory of what happened. Iris spends her teens trying to ignore the strange happenings but that proves impossible when her eldest sister disappears once more. This is straight up one of the most unsettling books I've ever read.

— Rebekah Napier, patron services assistant

## Curbside Trick or Treat

Calling all goblins and ghouls! The time of the season for carved pumpkins, spooky movie marathons and frightening reads is here, which also means that Curbside Trick or Treat is back.

Curbside Trick or Treat is held at our Cold Spring, Carrico/Fort Thomas or Newport branches from 6-7:30 pm on Saturday, Oct. 19.

All ages (children, teens and adults) can trick or treat from their car to different stations to get candy and prizes. Rain date is Oct. 26.

Trick or Treaters must be present to receive their treats. There will even be a fun surprise for adults!

Costumes are encouraged; in fact, staff will be dressed as their favorite creatures and characters.

Walkers are welcome, but be mindful of traffic! No registration is required.



# ALEXANDRIA

## OCTOBER PROGRAMS



**PUMPKIN CARVING FOR ADULTS**  
4:30-6 PM TUESDAY, OCT. 22

*Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.*

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

#### Manga to Anime Club

4 pm Wednesday, Oct. 9

*Dragon Ball Z, Vol. 1* by Akira Toriyama. Ages 13 & up. No registration is required.

#### Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 15

*Glitter Everywhere!* by Chris Barton. Grades K-5. Register to get a free copy of the book to keep.

#### Books & Brunch Book Club

11:30 am Saturday, Oct. 19

*The Golden Couple* by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen. No registration is required.

### ADULTS

#### Going Digital: Preserving Your Memories

1-4 pm Friday, Oct. 4

October is Photographer Appreciation Month—the perfect time to start preserving your memories for generations to come! Use the Alexandria Branch's new photo scanner to digitize your family's printed photos, negatives and slides. All you need to bring is your photos; the library will provide the scanner, software and a take-home flash drive. Attendees can bring up to 20 printed photos, 8 color negatives and 8 mounted 35 mm slides.

#### Cozy Crafting: DIY Fall Wreath

4-6 pm Tuesday, Oct. 8

Welcome fall by making a themed wreath! All materials will be provided.

#### Pumpkin Carving for Adults

4:30-6 pm Tuesday, Oct. 22

Carve a pumpkin and take it home to display it just in time for spooky season. All materials will be provided, including pumpkins, carving tools and templates.

#### Adult Board Games: Spooky Edition

3-6 pm Tuesday, Oct. 29

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of board games, card games and snacks! This month, we will feature spooky favorites like *Ultimate Werewolf* and *Betrayal at the House on the Hill*. No registration is required.

### TEENS & TWEENS

*Ages 11-19, unless noted.*

#### Cosplay Basics: Planning and Sketching

5 pm Thursday, Oct. 10

Learn how to translate character traits into wearable designs while emphasizing creativity and attention to detail.

#### Cosplay Basics: Crafting Accessories

4:30-6 pm Thursday, Oct. 17

Learn essential techniques for crafting accessories that will bring your cosplay to life! No prior experience necessary.

#### Cosplay Basics: Special Effects Makeup

4:30-6 pm Thursday, Oct. 24

In this session, delve into the world of special effects makeup using easily accessible materials. From scars to wounds to fantasy creature features, discover how to create cool effects.

#### Cosplay Halloween Party: Show Off Your Creations!

4:30-6:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 31

Celebrate the culmination of our cosplay

series with a thrilling Halloween party, including a costume showcase and contest. The winners will receive prizes!

### FAMILIES

*Kids of all ages and their families.*

#### Fall Tree Finger Painting

4:30 pm Friday, Oct. 18

Dip your fingers in some paint and create fall trees!

### CHILDREN

*Grades K-5.*

#### Marbled Leaf Art

4:30 pm Wednesday, Oct. 23

Bring your elementary school kids to make marbled leaf art. Roll up your sleeves and get ready to play with shaving cream and paint.

### YOUNG ONES

*Registration is NOT required for story times.*

#### Preschool Story Time

11:15 am Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Join us every week to help your child develop their pre-literacy, fine motor and gross motor skills with fun activities, crafts and books. Ages 3-5.

#### Baby Story Time

11:15 am Fridays

We will be singing, rhyming and reading board books geared toward babies. Story time will be followed by free play complete with sensory toys. Ages newborn-2.

#### Saturday Story Time

1 pm Saturdays

Saturday Story Time is a combined program for children under the age of 5. The children will listen to age-appropriate books, sing songs and engage in guided play. Ages newborn-5.

# COLD SPRING

## OCTOBER PROGRAMS



**HALLOWEEN HANGOUT!**  
6-7:30 PM MONDAY, OCT. 28

**Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.**

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

#### Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, Oct. 9

**Wrong Place Wrong Time** by Gillian McAllister.

No registration is required.

#### Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, Oct. 15

**Happy Place** by Emily Henry. No registration

is required.

#### Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, Oct. 17

**The Witches** by Roald Dahl. Grades K-5.

Register to get a free copy of the book to keep.

#### Not Another Book Club

7 pm Thursday, Oct. 17

**Mexican Gothic** by Silvia Moreno-Garcia.

No registration is required.

### ADULTS

#### Dungeons & Dragons

6-10 pm Friday, Oct. 4

New and experienced players alike are

welcome to play Dungeons & Dragons 5e! If you don't know how to make a character, never fear! We will have pre-generated characters for you to use.

#### Learning How to Play Mah-jongg

6-8 pm Wednesday, Oct. 16

Usually played by four people, Mah-jongg is a game played with a set of 136 or 144 rectangular pieces called tiles; the objective is to collect winning sets, as done in games like gin rummy.

#### Rough Draft Collab Writer's Club

6:30-8:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 22

Struggling with your work in progress? Wanting to connect with other area writers for advice? Come to the Cold Spring's bi-monthly writer's club led by local author CherieDawn Haas.

#### Autumn with Austen: Kentucky Shakespeare Dance Workshop

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, Oct. 29

Jane Austen's works are timeless and have been the inspiration for many of our favorite modern-day tales. Join us for the second installment of this series, which features

a Renaissance Dance Workshop led by Kentucky Shakespeare.

### TEENS & TWEENS

**Ages 11-19, unless noted.**

#### Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, Oct. 14

Return to the world of Minecraft using the library's server! Ages 8-14.

#### Monster Mash Candy Dishes

6-7:30 pm Monday, Oct. 21

We will use flower pots, plastic fish bowls and acrylic paint to create super cute Halloween candy dishes. Paint your favorite spooky characters, make a candy-themed candy dish or paint something you can enjoy year-round!

#### Halloween Hangout!

6-7:30 pm Monday, Oct. 28

Join us at the Cold Spring branch for a Halloween Hangout!

### FAMILIES

**Kids of all ages and their families.**

#### Stargazers Club

6:30-8:45 pm Thursday, Oct. 3

Join the stargazers club for the first session of



**HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT:  
SPOOKY SCIENCE  
11 AM TUESDAY, OCT. 8**

the fall season. Study the night sky using the Orion SkyQuest XT6 Dobsonian Telescope.

 **Homeschool Hangout:  
Spooky Science**

11 am Tuesday, Oct. 8

Come explore several Halloween themed science experiments and STEM challenges.

**Family Roblox Club**

11 am Saturday, Oct. 19

Play different Roblox games every month on private VIP servers hosted by library staff.

**CHILDREN**

*Grades K-5.*

 **Fall Figurines**

4 pm Thursday, Oct. 3

Sculpt fall-themed figurines using air dry clay. It may get messy, so wear appropriate clothing!

 **Life-Size Scarecrow Drawing**

4 pm Thursday, Oct. 17

Turn yourself into a scarecrow this fall by tracing the outline of your body on paper and decorating your hay-filled features. We will also decorate scarecrow cookies to match our life-size scarecrows.

**Madcap Puppets:  
Fantastic Fairy Tales**

4 pm Thursday, Oct. 24

Enjoy a wonderful performance from Madcap Puppets!

 **DIY Trick or Treat Bags**

4 pm Thursday, Oct. 31

Decorate your own canvas bag to take Trick or Treating! Once your Halloween candy is gone, you can use the bag for library books.

**YOUNG ONES**

*Registration is NOT required for story times.*

**Tot Time**

9:30 & 11:30 am Mondays

Build your child's development skills through engaging and interactive themed stories, songs, and gross motor play. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 2-3.

**Toddler Time**

10 & 11 am Wednesdays

Stories, songs, and bouncy rhymes that will exercise your little ones' busy bodies and busy minds. Followed by a craft to match the day's theme. Ages 2-3.

**Baby Time**

9:30 am Thursdays

Help build your baby's language skills through engaging and interactive songs, rhymes, simple movement games and books. Oct. 10's date will feature Melodies to Grow On Ages newborn-2.

**Preschool Time**

10:30 am Thursdays

Join us every week to help your child develop their pre-literacy and motor skills with themed stories, gross motor play and crafts. Ages 3-5.



# CARRICO/FORT THOMAS

## OCTOBER PROGRAMS



**GHOST GARLANDS**  
2 PM THURSDAY, OCT. 17

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

*Registration is required, unless noted.*

#### Must Read Romance

7 pm Thursday, Oct. 3

Members choose books based on the monthly theme. **October's theme: Paranormal Romance—Vampires.** Register to pick out a free romance book!

#### Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, Oct. 9

**Frankenstein; or, the Modern Prometheus** by Mary Shelley. No registration is required.

### ADULTS

*Registration is NOT required, unless noted.*

#### Haunted Air Planters

6:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 10

Air plants usually grow on top of trees, meaning that they don't need soil to survive. In this program, we'll make planters that will be the perfect home for your new air plant—and for Halloween!

#### Ghost Garlands

2 pm and 6:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 17

Create glow-in-the-dark ghosts out of yarn! Give them spooky faces and string a few together to create a garland. Turn off the light to see your ghoulish buddies glow! Please attend only one event.

#### Talking Tech Troubles: Artificial Intelligence

2 pm Tuesday, Oct. 22

Learn about technology topics in this judgment-free, informal group. This meeting's topic: **Artificial intelligence.**

#### Pick Your Poison with Lloyd Library

6 pm Wednesday, Oct. 23

Enjoy a presentation from the Lloyd Library & Museum that highlights the most notorious noxious plants and connects them with health effects ranging from the inconvenient to the downright deadly. Register.

#### Book Discussion: 'The Stonewall Reader'

7 pm Thursday, Oct. 24

Celebrate LGBT History month with a discussion of *The Stonewall Reader*. Drawing from the New York Public Library's archives, *The Stonewall Reader* is a collection of first accounts, diaries, periodic literature, and articles from LGBTQ magazines and newspapers that documented both the years leading up to and the years following the riots. Register.

#### Trivia Night @ The Post

6:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 29

Join the library to test your knowledge at The Post! Play on your own, with your friends or as a family! Participants will use Kahoot! to play, which requires the use of a device such as a smartphone, tablet or laptop.

### TEENS & TWEENS

*Ages 11-19, unless noted. Registration is required, unless noted.*

#### Galaxy Canvases

4:30 & 6:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 3

Make an out-of-this-world work of art that lights up! First, we will paint galaxies on canvases. Then, we will add LED lights to make the sky glow.

#### DIY Slime for Tweens

4:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 8

Use common household ingredients to make slime that you can take home with you. Ages 8-14.

#### Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

4:30-7 pm Friday, Oct. 11

Join us at the library to play Dungeons & Dragons 5e! Pre-generated characters will be available as well as other basic supplies. Small snacks and water will be provided.

#### DIY Potions

4:30 pm Wednesday, Oct. 16

Let your inner witch out and create drinkable potions! We will mix fun flavors to make bubbly concoctions, aka sodas. Bottle your favorite to take home.

#### Magical Kitties Save the Day!

4:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 17

Magical Kitties Save the Day is a beginner-friendly roleplaying game for all ages. Take on the role of a magical cat as you solve large problems and save humans from terrible troubles! Ages 8-14.





**ART AT THE ARMORY:  
PAINTED PUMPKINS  
4:30-6 PM TUESDAY, OCT. 22**

**🎃 Tween Halloween Party**

4:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 24

Do you love all things spooky and scary? Join the library for a Halloween party! We'll have trivia, crafts and plenty of candy. Ages 8-14. No registration is required.

**FAMILIES**

*Kids of all ages and their families.*

*Registration is NOT required, unless noted.*

**Chess Club**

4-6 pm Wednesday, Oct. 9

Drop by the library and try out the game of Chess! Both budding grandmasters and complete beginners will find a welcoming environment to learn and play.

**Puppy Tales**

2-4 pm Saturday, Oct. 12

Come read a story or two to a specially trained therapy dog. Sessions will be 15 minutes. Library staff will contact you to schedule a specific time. Register.

**Monday Movie Night:  
'The Garfield Movie'**

4-6 pm Monday, Oct. 14

We're rolling out the red carpet for everyone's favorite lasagna-loving cat. Bring your friends and family to watch *The Garfield Movie*. We will have light snacks and crafts during the showing.



**🎃 Art at the Armory:  
Painted Pumpkins**

4:30-6 pm Tuesday, Oct. 22

Customize pumpkins at the Armory in Tower Park (950 S. Fort Thomas Ave.). Stop by any time during the program hours to participate while supplies last. Register.

**CHILDREN**

*Grades K-5. Registration is NOT required, unless noted.*

**🎃 Homeschool Hive:  
Sew a Monster**

10:30 am-noon Friday, Oct. 4

Create a unique, handmade stuffed monster in this sewing workshop.

**🎃 Frightfully Festive Decor**

4-5:30 pm Monday, Oct. 21

Make easy, fun and frightful Halloween decorations.

**🎃 Kids in the Kitchen:  
Scary Snacks**

4 pm Wednesday, Oct. 30

This kids' snack cooking class is a spooktacular event perfect for young chefs!

**YOUNG ONES**

*Registration is NOT required for story times, unless noted.*

**Movers & Shakers**

10 am Mondays

Shake, move and sing in this active, musical story time. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 2-3.

**Together Time Tales**

10 am Tuesdays

Spend some quality time together while reading, playing and learning. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 3-5.

**Cozy Time for Babies**

10 am Wednesdays

Designed for the youngest babies, this story time is filled with songs, rhymes and gentle movement games to encourage your baby's language, motor and social development. Open play and socializing at the end. Ages newborn-2, especially for pre-walkers. Register.

**Baby Wigglers**

10 am Thursdays

Designed for babies who are walking and are on the move, this story time is filled with fun, engaging songs, rhymes and energetic movement games to encourage your baby's language, motor and social development. Open play and socializing at the end. Ages newborn-2, especially for walkers. Register.

**🎃 Baby Ghosties**

10 am Saturday, Oct. 12

Wear your costume and celebrate Halloween with stories and songs! Other not-scary activities and a baby ghostie footprint craft will be included. Register.

# NEWPORT

## OCTOBER PROGRAMS



**GHOST HOUSES IN COVINGTON & ITS VICINITY WITH KARL LIETZENMAYER**  
6-8 PM MONDAY, OCT. 7

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

*Registration is required, unless noted.*

#### Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Oct. 1

***None of This is True*** by Lisa Jewell. No registration is required.

#### Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Oct. 11

***Scary Stories for Young Foxes*** by Christian McKay Heidicker. Register for a free copy of the book.

#### Challenging Reads

7 pm Tuesday, Oct. 15

***The Color Purple*** by Alice Walker. No registration is required.

### ADULTS

*Registration is required, unless noted.*

#### Kentucky Career Center Job Fair

11 am-1 pm Thursday, Oct. 3

Join the Kentucky Career Center for a job fair!

#### Ghost Houses in Covington & its Vicinity with Karl Lietzenmayer

6-8 pm Monday, Oct. 7

Take in spooky stories of haunted houses in and around Covington, KY from Karl

Lietzenmayer of the Kenton County Historical Society.

#### Mini Haunted Wreaths

6-8 pm Monday, Oct. 14

Make a spooky mini wreath just in time for Halloween!

#### S'mores Craft

6-8 pm Monday, Oct. 21

Create a cute little (non-edible) s'mores friend.

#### Friends of the Library Book Sale

9 am-noon Thursday, Oct. 24

Come to the Friends Room (located in the lower level of the Newport Branch) for another Friends Book Sale! Get stellar deals on used books, DVDs, CDs and more.

No registration is required.

### TEENS & TWEENS

*Ages 11-19, unless noted. Registration is NOT required, unless noted.*

#### Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Thursdays

The time may be planned, but the fun is not. Play board games, hang out, eat snacks or whatever else you want (as long as it's within library rules) at this weekly after school hangout.

#### Pet Ghost DIY

3-5 pm Wednesday, Oct. 16

Boo! Make a pet ghost that you can take with you anywhere.

#### Spooky Perler Beads

3-5 pm Wednesday, Oct. 23

Spooky season is in full swing; create fun Perler Bead patterns to celebrate.

#### Cute Costume Clay Pots

3-5 pm Wednesday, Oct. 30

Prep a clay pot for Halloween by painting it in a costume such as a ghost, pumpkin, Frankenstein's Monster or a black cat.

### FAMILIES

*Kids of all ages and their families.*

*Registration is NOT required, unless noted.*

#### Bats! with the Cincinnati Museum Center

6 pm Thursday, Oct. 17

Walk like a bat! Fly like a bat! Meet a live native bat! Explore echolocation to understand how it works and hear what it sounds like. Learn about these truly amazing yet misunderstood animals through a slide presentation, game, artifacts and more. Register.





**PERLER BEAD BUGS**  
5:30-7 PM THURSDAY, OCT. 10

### **Dayton Pop-Up Library**

9 am-noon Friday, Oct. 18

The library is coming to the Dayton Community Center (625 2nd Ave., Dayton, KY). There will be a story time, books you can check out, computers with printing and scanning available, technology assistance and an adult/teen friendly craft.

### **Halloween Slime**

5:30-7 pm Wednesday, Oct. 29

Create a spooky or festive Halloween slime using household items, glitter, and other themed trinkets.

## **CHILDREN**

*Grades K-5. Registration is NOT required, unless noted.*

### **Halloween Crafts**

11 am-1 pm Saturday, Oct. 5

Get in the spirit for Halloween with our fun and simple crafts. We will decorate tiny clay pots, make pom pom art and more.

### **Perler Bead Bugs**

5:30-7 pm Thursday, Oct. 10

Create creepy-crawlies with Perler beads. We will mount them after ironing to create pinned insect taxidermy.

### **Homeschool: Platform Pumpkins**

1 pm Tuesday, Oct. 15

Build a platform that can hold a small pumpkin without falling over or breaking using materials from cardboard to plastic straws.

### **DIY Kaleidoscope**

5:30-7 pm Thursday, Oct. 24

Create your own kaleidoscope and learn how these optical illusions work.

### **Cookies and Canvas**

6 pm Wednesday, Oct. 30

Enjoy a sweet treat while painting your next masterpiece.

## **YOUNG ONES**

*Registration is NOT required for story times.*

### **Ready for K Through Play**

10 am Mondays

Books, music and play are the focus in this story time that gets your child ready for kindergarten! Each week highlights a different activity to encourage skill development. Ages 3-5.

### **Movers & Shakers**

10 am Tuesdays

Shake, move and sing in this active, musical story time. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 2-3.

### **Baby Bounce & Rhyme**

10 am Wednesdays

Reading with your little one from an early age is a great way to start developing their literacy skills. Bounce around in this story time for literacy activities for babies, as well as reading and singing time. Ages newborn-2.



# 2023-24

## ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

BY CHANTELE PHILLIPS, DIRECTOR

**It's time for the Campbell County Public Library's Annual Report; from enriching programs to author talks to valuable services and resources, CCPL had so much to offer this fiscal year.**

As director, I'm proud of the work we've accomplished as we continue to strive toward our mission of "enhancing lifelong learning by providing popular materials, programs, and services to our community."

Here are just a few of the year's highlights.

### A New Library Director

JC Morgan retired as CCPL's director after two decades in November of 2023. Following his retirement, Morgan assumed the role of State Director, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Kentucky. In his time as director, he helped grow our Outreach Department; oversaw the construction of the Newport Branch; added three express units; opened the Alexandria Branch; and more.

I officially became the library's director on Nov. 27 and am proud to serve our community in leading our innovative, passionate and knowledgeable staff. My hope is to continue to grow CCPL's presence in our community as a gathering place and resource hub.

Before taking on the role of director, I served the library system in multiple capacities. I became manager of the Newport Branch in 2008 and assistant director in 2012 (while maintaining the Newport Branch Manager position). In 2021, my management duties moved to the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch before transitioning in 2023 to the library's Human Resources position. During my 16 years with CCPL, I have overseen renovations, developed programs and services, and worked to support our staff to ensure we can support our community members to the best of our ability.

### How You Used the Library

Over 375,334 visited the library this year! Whether you came for our Wi-Fi, to check out materials or attended a program: Thank you. We hope you come back!

Speaking of programs, the library saw a total attendance of 69,882 across all four branches and age groups this year. Our staff spearhead craft nights, speakers, game nights, book clubs, STEAM fun and more.

We even hosted Virtual Author Talks every month in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium, who have delivered authors like Madeline Miller, Shelby Van Pelt, Rebecca F. Kuang, John Stamos and others. You can check upcoming talks at [libraryc.org/ccpl/upcoming](http://libraryc.org/ccpl/upcoming).

In total, 2,855 groups used our spaces this year across 4,071 meetings for a total attendance of 19,047! We see returning groups and fresh faces alike each year, from clubs to outside organizations and more.

You also checked out materials from our collection— 938,311 items to be exact. That's a 3.9 percent increase!

### Freshly-Wrapped Outreach Vehicles

Our outreach vehicles received newly-designed wraps to match the Book Bus! Speaking of the Book Bus, the vehicle saw a total of 8,227 attendees in 2023, gave out 5,925 books and hosted 58 events!

Check [cc-pl.org/book-bus](http://cc-pl.org/book-bus) to see its schedule! Visit the Book Bus and take home a free book. We stock free books for all ages from infants to adults. Book Bus visitors can also sign up for library cards, return library items and ask staff members questions about library programs and services.

### Digital Learning

We have offered digital learning classes, among other initiatives—including creating laptop and tablet sets for patron use—through grants from the Public Library Association. (We received \$7,000 in 2022-23 and another \$6,000 for fall/winter '23.)

From Sept. 2022 to Dec. 2023, we taught 41 classes across Campbell County and had 310 attendees. We have since continued to use grant funds to support tech classes, where we often provide USB drives, pens and notebooks or snacks as an incentive to attend.

The grants have helped us grow and foster digital literacy, especially in older adults. Class topics range from how to use a smartphone to downloading apps to job search tools and more. To adequately serve our community, classes are hosted at every branch as well as other local spaces, including the UK Extension office and Southern Campbell Fire District. We plan to start teaching classes at the Senior Center, YMCA, Fort Thomas VA Medical Center and more this fall.

According to a survey we distributed about our digital learning services, 96 percent said they felt more knowledgeable about using technology; 100 percent said they intend to apply what they learned and were more aware of the services/resources provided by the library; and 88 percent felt more confident when using digital resources.



### Taking Flight

Have you flown out of the CVG Airport lately? If yes, you may have noticed the Airport Library! The library opened in Concourse B in the summer of 2023 through a partnership with CCPL, Kenton County Public Library, Boone County Public Library and the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library. We're proud to help stock its shelves!

A library card is not required to check a book out. Pick out a book before your flight and then you can either pass it on to another passenger or bring it back to the Airport Library. You can even return it to one of the aforementioned partnered libraries. The Airport Library accepts book donations across all genres.

### Musical Flowers at Fort Thomas & Cold Spring

The Cold Spring and Carrico/Fort Thomas branches both saw new, whimsical additions this spring in the form of musical flowers! Walk outside either branch and you'll see the faux flowers. Strike their petals and enjoy the resulting sounds!

We have loved seeing patrons of all ages stop to play or admire the flowers.

### Friends of the Library

I would like to take a moment to extend gratitude to the Friends of the Campbell County Public Library, a non-profit, equal-opportunity organization that provides generous financial support for a number of library programs.

Funds generated through membership fees and book sales help pay for building amenities, annual staff scholarships, staff appreciation events and other services. The Friends also serve as library advocates. If you're interested in joining their ranks, visit [cc-pl.org/friends](http://cc-pl.org/friends).

I would also like to thank ALL our volunteers and donors who generously spend their time and money to make the Campbell County Public Library an even greater asset for our entire county.

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## REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 & BUDGET FOR 2024-25

Numbers below are current for FY23-24 and FY24-25.

#### 2023-24 ACTUAL BUDGET

INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
Donations	\$40,300	Capital	\$410,434
Fees & Services	\$46,801	Collection	\$679,988
Grants & State Aid	\$81,331	Operating	\$1,131,547
Misc. Income	\$234,255	Personnel	\$3,582,798
Taxes	\$5,777,148		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,179,835</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$5,804,767</b>

#### 2024-25 ESTIMATED BUDGET

INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
Donations	\$35,000	Capital	\$462,500
Fees & Services	\$37,000	Collection	\$750,000
Grants & State Aid	\$35,000	Operating	\$1,226,100
Misc. Income	\$150,000	Personnel	\$3,502,400
Taxes	\$5,684,000		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,941,000</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$5,941,000</b>



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### Cold Spring Branch

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Cold Spring, KY 41076  
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### Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

1000 Highland Avenue  
Fort Thomas, KY 41075  
859.572.5033 — email: ftinfo@cc-pl.org

### Newport Branch

901 East Sixth Street  
Newport, KY 41071  
859.572.5035 — email: nwinfo@cc-pl.org

### Alexandria Branch

8333 Alexandria Pike  
Alexandria, KY 41001  
859.572.7463 — email: alinfo@cc-pl.org

### Library Express

Pick up holds and return items  
Silver Grove — Firehouse  
Melbourne — St. Philip Parish Center  
Westside – Northern Kentucky Scholar House

### Hours

#### Cold Spring, Carrico/Fort Thomas and Newport Branches

Monday-Thursday 9 am – 9 pm  
Friday 9 am – 7 pm  
Saturday 9 am – 5 pm  
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

#### Alexandria Branch

Monday-Friday 11 am – 7 pm  
Saturday 11 am – 5 pm  
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

### Services

Patron Services: 859.572.5041

#### Download books & music:

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### Health Fair

Receive free health resources, screenings and more at the library's Health Fair.

Held from 10 am-2 pm on Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Newport Branch, patrons can expect the Hoxworth Mobile Unit, St. Elizabeth Mammography Unit, CPR classes from the North Central Area Health Education Center and other organizations like Donate Life America, NorthKey Community Care and the St. Elizabeth Cardiovascular Department.

While the fair itself does not require registration, specific screenings/classes do. For more information, visit [cc-pl.org/health-fair-24](https://cc-pl.org/health-fair-24).



### ADA Compliance Statement

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